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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

TWO INDICTED FOR ROCK COUNTY BANK ROBBERIES

Walter R. Burnley, DOB 11/2/72, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Lisa M. Harding, DOB 9/8/85, of Janesville, Wisconsin, were charged in a five-count indictment with robbing banks in Beloit and Janesville in April and May 2006.

The indictment alleges that Burnley robbed the Associated Bank, located at 2741 Prairie Avenue in Beloit, on April 4; the Associated Bank, located at 531 East Grand Avenue in Beloit, on April 25; the Associated Bank, located at 20 Park Avenue in Beloit, on May 9; the Anchor Bank, located at 100 West Racine Street in Janesville, on May 12; and the First National Bank, located at 1531 Madison Road in Beloit, on May 16. The indictment charges Harding with robbing the Anchor Bank in Janesville on May 12 and the First National Bank in Beloit on May 16.

If convicted, each faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on each count. This matter was investigated by the Beloit Police Department, the Janesville Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

DOUGLAS COUNTY MAN CHARGED WITH ROBBING CREDIT UNION

Timothy D. Gotelaere, DOB 3/25/65, of Lake Nebagamon, Wisconsin, was charged with robbing the Superior Community Credit Union, located at 2817 Tower Avenue in Superior, on June 6, 2006. The indictment alleges that the defendant committed this offense by use of a dangerous weapon.

If convicted, Gotelaere faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison. This matter was investigated by the Superior Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

MAN FACES IMMIGRATION CHARGE

Luis Eduardo Pena-Maldonado, DOB 5/12/81, a citizen of Mexico, is charged with intentionally entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that Pena-Maldonado was found in the United States on August 9, 2005.

If convicted, Pena-Maldonado faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison. This matter was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

COTTAGE GROVE MAN FACES DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

Hai Van Tran, DOB 12/29/1971, of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, was charged in a superseding indictment with conspiring to distribute and possess with intent to distribute marijuana, and with being a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that the conspiracy took place from July 2005 to February 2006, and that the conspiracy involved 100 kilograms or more of marijuana. The indictment also alleges that on February 10, 2006, Tran possessed a Smith and Wesson 9mm semi-automatic pistol.

Tran was originally indicted on February 16, 2006, on the gun charge only. He has been detained in custody since that time, and is scheduled to go to trial on October 30, 2006. If convicted, Tran faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum of 40 years in federal prison on the marijuana charge, and 10 years in prison on the felon in possession charge.

This matter was investigated by the Cottage Grove Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey M. Anderson.